

SENATE BILL 2652

By Gardenhire

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9 and
Title 49, relative to education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, Part 3, is amended by
adding the following language as a new section:

(a) For the purpose of a state salary increase for public school teachers
proposed in the state budget document or included in the general appropriations bill, the
term "teacher" means an individual who holds a license to teach issued by the state
board of education and who spends fifty percent (50%) or more of the individual's time
on the job instructing students in class, or through other instructional methods such as
online instruction. The term "teacher" does not include licensed individuals, including
licensed support personnel, administrators, or supervisors, if the licensed individual
spends less than fifty percent (50%) of the individual's time on the job instructing
students.

(b) If a state salary increase is proposed in the state budget document or
included in the general appropriations bill for teachers and other licensed or certified
personnel or staff, then the state budget document and the general appropriations bill
must account for the salary increase for teachers separate from the salary increase for
other licensed or certified personnel or staff.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.